



The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

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Participation Application

Alabama Strengthening Communities Project

Extended DEADLINE for Submission: January 14, 2010 at 5:00pm CST

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**The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
(GFBCI)**

Alabama Strengthening Communities Project

The objective of the Alabama Strengthening Communities Project (ASC) is to assist organizations in overcoming barriers to increase their effectiveness, enhance social services, diversify funding, expand community collaboration, and increase the number and capacity of faith-based and community organizations across the state that serve families and individuals through a strategic assessment, training and technical assistance, sustainability planning, and development of supportive collaborative networks. The ASC Project is a training and technical assistance opportunity made available under Section 1110 of the Social Security Act and Title VIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, P.L. 111-5.

The GFBCI will host four capacity building academies. Participants will be chosen by a competitive application process. Faith-based and community organizations are encouraged to partner with other organizations in their community when applying for participation in the ASC project. Community teams should contain no fewer than five organizations. It may be helpful for one organization to take the lead in the application process. Organizations should understand that the ASC project requires follow-up after the original capacity academy as well as participation in a Best Practices and Sustainability Workshop to take place at the end of the grant period (two years).

Eligible Applicants include:

- Public or private non-profit organizations, including labor, faith-based and secular community organizations; institutions of higher education; Indian tribes; and partnerships or consortia consisting of the foregoing.
- Applications must include a commitment from at least five of the aforementioned eligible applicants.

Application Criteria:

The following items must be included in your participation application.

- List the proposed community team (no fewer than five organizations) and why your community wants to participate in this project. Designate a NAME for your proposed community team (1 page max).
- For EACH organization in your proposed community team, answer the Participation Application Survey below. (2 page max for EACH organization in your proposed community team.)

Participation Application Survey

Designated **Community Team name:** _____

Organization name: _____

1. Briefly describe your organization: its mission & values, governing structure, paid staffing, volunteers, clients, and funding.

Regarding your answer to # 1, what would you change if you had the ability to do so?

2. The skills of people working at the organization come from what: Training? Experience? Watching others?

Regarding your answer to # 2, what would you change if you had the ability to do so?

3. How successful are your programs? How do you determine “success”?

Regarding your answer to # 3, what would you change if you had the ability to do so?

4. In what ways do you work with other organizations in your community?

Regarding your answer to # 4, what would you change if you had the ability to do so?

5. List the top three needs of your organization?

Mailing Address for applications :

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***Applications must be received no later than 5pm on January 14, 2010*
(Hardcopies only. Applications submitted through e-mail will not be reviewed)**

Please direct all questions regarding project applications to:

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